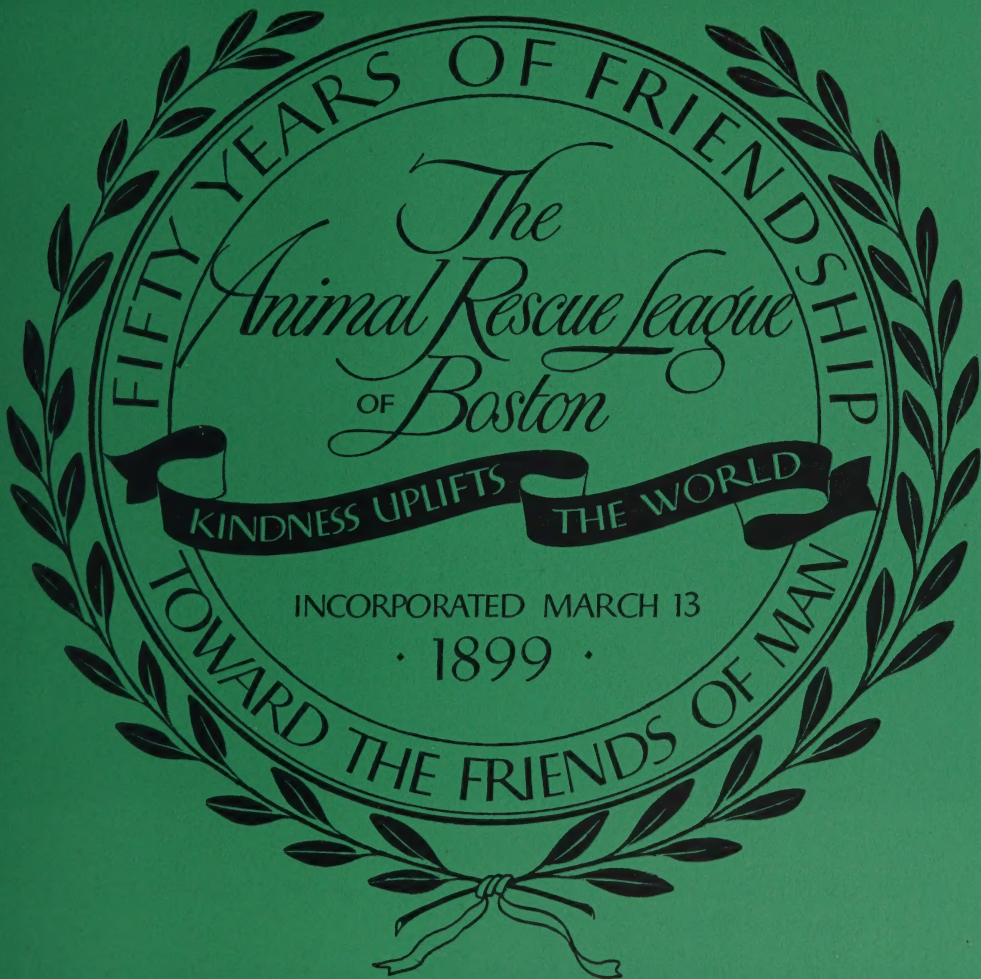


Our Fourfooted FRIENDS

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YEAR



In Memoriam



IT is with deep and profound sorrow that the sudden passing of our fourth *President*, WALTER J. DETHLOFF, is recorded. In his early animal welfare work he was associated with the Wisconsin Humane Society in Milwaukee where, through his efforts, one of the outstanding societies in the country was built. In 1942 he left there to become General Manager of The American Humane Association, Albany, New York.

March 1, 1946, he was called to the presidency of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. During his three years in that capacity, he effected many changes and improvements, amongst them a complete renovation of the small-animal shelter for the further comfort and welfare of thousands of animals handled each year.

In business life he was upright, capable, efficient, enthusiastic and active; in domestic life a kind, considerate, loyal husband and father. A former student of the ministry, he was deeply religious and a devoted and sincere worker in his church.

In Mr. Dethloff's passing, animals have lost a great friend and champion, the League an able executive, and the humane movement one of its outstanding leaders. He possessed a broad and practical vision and a willingness to lend assistance to other humane organizations. He was truly loved by every member of the League's staff for his real humanitarianism. *He will be sorely missed.*

At a special meeting held April 1, 1949, the Board of Directors of the League passed the following resolution:

Resolved: It is with the deepest regret that the Board of Directors of the Animal Rescue League of Boston records the death of its President, Walter J. Dethloff, on March 24, 1949.

Walter Dethloff came to the League in March of 1946 as a comparative stranger to Boston with a task of adjusting himself both to a new environment and position at a time which proved to be critical in the course and defense of our humane work.

With a combination of humility, intelligence, and patience, plus an extraordinary sensitivity to the humane concept itself, he so applied himself as to gain the everlasting respect and devotion of all who came to know him.

His improvement of the physical condition of our properties, his plan for the new clinic, his intense efforts to guard the League's stand on animal experimentation before the Legislative Hearings — all bear witness to his effective leadership.

It is, indeed, gratifying that he lived to experience the joy he expressed, and which was shared with us all, in the outstanding success of our Golden Anniversary, on March 13, 1949. There could hardly have been a more fitting climax to Walter Dethloff's life, which was so utterly Christian and humane.

Further *Resolved:* That a copy of the above resolution be sent to Mrs. Walter J. Dethloff and daughter Miss Helen Dethloff.

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To his wife and his daughter the Board of Directors and every member of the staff extend heartfelt and sincere sympathy.



Walter J. Dethloff

Born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 19, 1896
Died at Dedham, Massachusetts, March 24, 1949



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HISTORY OF THE LEAGUE (*Part II*)

The Animal Rescue League started its second decade of service auspiciously with a considerable expansion of its activities. New branches were established in Roxbury, Cambridge, Revere and Stoneham; and the first motor vehicle was purchased—a run-about which Mrs. Smith asserted did the work of five men in half the time.

A third horse-watering station was set up in Boston's north end, or fruit and vegetable market district. Here, and at the railroad terminals, over 55,000 horses were watered in two years—a laudable animal service emulated several years later by both the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. and the Boston Work Horse Relief Association. The first ambulance, a horse-drawn vehicle, was put into service in 1909, and was followed by a motor ambulance in 1912.

All of these activities helped to make the League better known and a 25% increase in animals received resulted.

Pine Ridge

Out at Pine Ridge much of interest occurred in these pre-war years. A bird sanctuary was developed, and an adjacent area of six acres was purchased for \$3,000 in 1909. A wing to provide six more stalls was added to the barn and one stall electrified for disposal purposes. Eight stalls in all were endowed as memorials. An incinerator was built for small-animal cremations and burial charges established ranging from \$10 to \$15. Meanwhile, Mrs. Smith produced a booklet entitled "Cemeteries, Ancient and Modern and the Life Be-

yond" in which she set forth much of the philosophy of poets, clergymen and noted writers regarding animal life. To record but one example of the practical work at Pine Ridge, we take the case of a horse purchased in 1915 for \$10 from a peddler. Weighing but 700 pounds when rescued, it was brought up to 1100 pounds, cured of kicking and bad temper and made a useful and valuable animal again.

Headquarters Activities

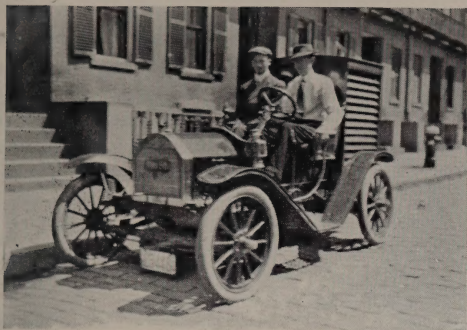
At Carver Street headquarters special contributions made possible the creation of a neighborhood playroom for a score of children and a Wellesley student was secured as teacher.

Finances continued favorable with an outstanding bequest of over \$24,000 from the estate of Margaret

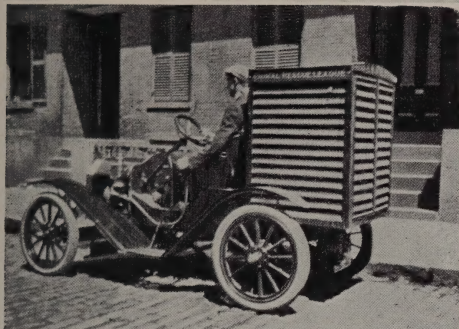
On Vacation at Pine Ridge



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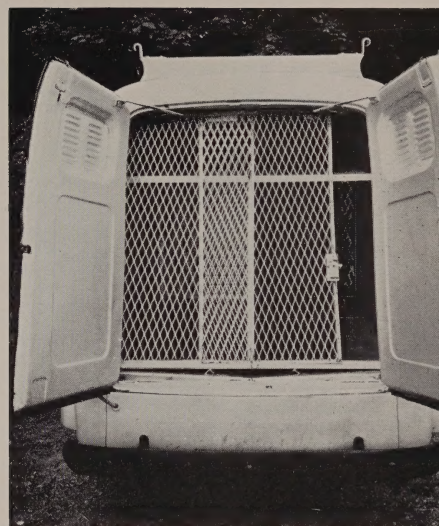
*Comfort for
the scores of
small animals
that come
within our care
is achieved with
our modern
ambulance fleet*



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NOW



Langdell in 1910. In 1916 it is important to note that the League carried its total real estate at \$76,500 — fully paid off and clear!

By 1917 three cars were going out all day, each with two men. Also two men and two women were handling nearby calls. There was a head kennel man and assistant by this time, together with a resident veterinarian and his assistant, seven women on the office staff and a night watchman to receive animals at any hour.

by Thomas A. Edison. While improved models were made in later years, the principle remained the same and in 1924 no less than 47 installations were in operation in Canada, England and Italy as well as throughout the United States. Many tributes came to Mr. Smith, the head of one society writing that he ought to have a monument as high as that at Bunker Hill for the wonderful invention as no method of putting small animals to death had

Work Horse Relief Association of Boston

In 1913 the Work Horse Relief Association of Boston opened a memorial hospital on Northampton Street, named for R. Ashton Lawrence one of the League's original vice-presidents. Mrs. Smith spoke at the dedication and the League set up a small-animal receiving station there with an agent in charge. A commendable act of cooperation came when in 1918 the League purchased a



Boston Work Horse Relief Hospital — 1913

Huntington Smith Invents the Automatic Electric Cage

A development of major importance was the invention by Mr. Huntington Smith in 1911 of automatic electric cages for the humane disposition of small animals. Their installation at 51 Carver Street was the first such equipment anywhere in the world. Mr. Smith, who had specialized in electricity while in college, found helpful collaborators at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the perfected device was approved by Professors Puffer, Sedgwick and Kennelly and personally endorsed

even been thought of which could equal it for humaneness.

Growing Influence of the League

Speaking of other societies, it is important to note the growing influence of the League in this regard. In Massachusetts alone in 1915 there were seven Animal Rescue Leagues — Salem, Berkshire, New Bedford, Stoneham, Worcester, Fall River and West Concord — in chronological order, all of which Mrs. Smith helped to organize; also at least ten in other states which she had aided in one way or another.

horse, "Black Beauty" by name, to be a loan horse to working men whose animals were temporarily "hors(e) de combat," as it were, in the Work Horse Relief Hospital.

"Horse Power" Replaces Horses

The activities in regard to horses during this second decade merit ample notation. This was the period of transition to motor transportation and discarded horses suffered accordingly and in large numbers. The work of rescuing old horses, unfit for further work, had started as early as 1904. It continued to increase

throughout this transitional decade with 286 horses rescued in 1911, by which time other societies had followed the example of the League and taken up the work. In 1917 rescued horses numbered 649 and the grand total at the end of 1918 was 4,893. Illustrative of this work was a case in 1915 of a bankrupt suburban express company. Forty horses were inspected by the League and seventeen found in such wretched condition they were immediately put out of their misery.

Horse Rescue Club

In 1912 Mrs. Smith evolved the idea of a Horse Rescue Club with pledge cards for those willing to refuse to patronize owners of unfit horses and report those in distress observed on the streets.

The Free Clinic

The Free Clinic services of the League were first publicized extensively in 1913–1914, but, as an article in the *Boston Herald* said: "In commending the new let us not forget to give credit to what has already been done. The Animal Rescue League has been carrying on a Free Clinic for animals for at least ten years during which time over 40,000 animals — horses, dogs, cats and birds — have been treated free of all charge . . . this work has never been advertised; no appeal has been made for funds with which to carry it on; yet the work was begun before the hospitals were started either in Philadelphia or New York and has gone on year after year — a real hospital work though not known and advertised as such." This basic work of the League increased during the second decade so that in 1918 the year's total of animals given clinical treatment came to 12,450.



"Horse Power"

Replaces

Horses



CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR HORSES

He who serves well and speaks not, merits more
Than they who clamor loudest at the door,
Therefore the law decrees that, as this steed
Served you in youth, henceforth you shall take heed
To comfort his old age, and to provide
Shelter in stall, and food and field beside.

— Longfellow

In 1913 public attention was vividly focused on the horse situation by the institution of what has ever since been an annual event — the CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR HORSES. In response to various announcements, generous donations and gifts were received and some 300 horses were treated to carrots, apples and sugar by five League agents while ten blankets were bestowed upon needy animals.

In 1915 Mrs. Smith wrote a very effective letter to the *Transcript* entitled “Why not the Horses?” and was later able to report that 600 had been fed and this novel idea copied by several other cities. Such meritorious work continued to increase in scope and by 1918 no less than 60 stables were visited on Christmas Eve and over 1,000 horses treated.



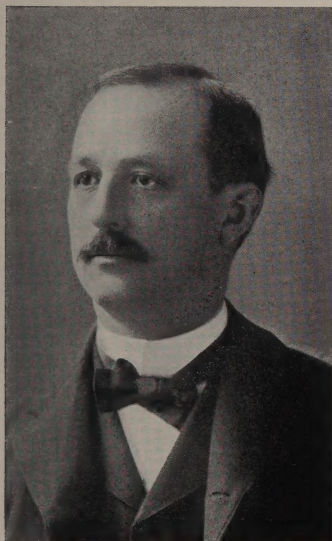
Death of George A. O. Ernst and Livingston Cushing

In the year 1912 the League's first President, Hon. George A. O. Ernst, passed away. "A Tower of Strength" were the words used by Mrs. Smith in her tribute in which she recalled that Mr. Ernst had drawn up the constitution and by-laws of the organization and that it was incorporated in his office.

In 1916 Treasurer Livingston Cushing was suddenly stricken in New Haven on his way to the Harvard-Yale football game, an event in which he had had the unique distinction of being the Harvard captain for three successive years. In her tribute Mrs. Smith highly praised his handling of the League's finances saying "Mortgages have been paid off and no debts incurred except the great debt of gratitude we shall always owe."

Against these losses of the decade, it is interesting to record that on June 9, 1913, Archibald MacDonald,

LIVINGSTON CUSHING



ARCHIBALD MACDONALD

who, for several years, had done work for the League, was permanently employed for special horse work. Mr. MacDonald at this writing

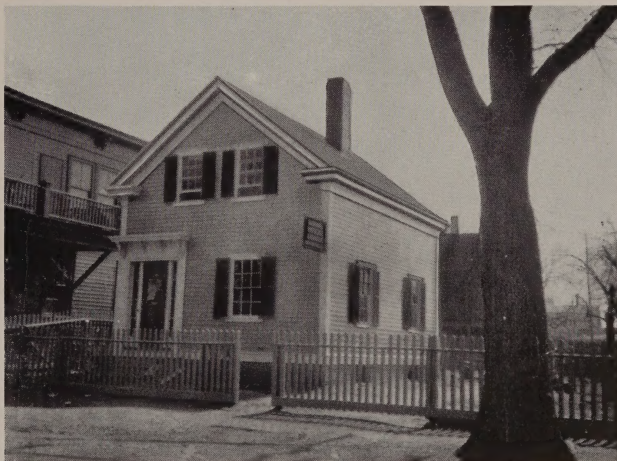
is the head of the Investigation and Inspection Department and senior employee of the League with over 35 years of official service to his credit!

Branches

In 1913 a receiving station was opened in Dorchester which district had been making more telephone demands than any other outside the city proper. In 1915 a station was tried in Lynn which was suspended

in 1918 and later successfully revived. In 1915 is recorded the first mention of Cape Cod, when a member from East Dennis asked for monthly aid for rescue work which was promptly supplied by another member.

Sheldon Branch — Lynn, Massachusetts



“PITY WITHOUT ACTION IS AS EMPTY AS FAITH WITHOUT WORKS.”—Anna Harris Smith



The Playroom for Children

In the field of humane education the League's work steadily progressed. Children were being taught to do positive acts of kindness under a principle which Mrs. Smith well expressed when she said: "Pity without action is as empty as faith without works." A number of new educational leaflets were published, and thousands of leaflets and other pieces of humane literature sent out — 88,600 in 1915 for instance.

Animal Shelters

Mrs. Smith read a paper on "Animal Shelters" to an International Congress in 1910; and in 1912 she did a remarkable job of research on animals in Dickens' work.

Humane Legislation

In this same year a new law was enacted in Massachusetts prohibiting the sale of native wild game. The League contributed to this humane legislation through the services of a field agent and an attorney.

Animals in Motion Pictures

In 1915 Mrs. Smith petitioned the National Board of Film Censors re-

garding animal films. The petition was circularized by President Stillman of The American Humane Association and marks the first step in the campaign the Association later undertook against abuse of animals in the movies.

War Time and American Red Star Animal Relief

As early as 1914 the question had been raised as to the support of the League in war time and the advisability of holding the Annual Fair. Vigorously Mrs. Smith pointed out the tremendous civic services being rendered by the League, its far-flung influence for good, the need to keep

the many trained employees at their work, and that the right answer was not to curtail League or other charitable activities but, rather, to make greater personal sacrifices and contributions for such work. The effect of this was impressive and the Annual Fair proved to be the best ever held, with donations and gifts coming in from 115 towns and cities — 40 outside of the State — and total receipts derived amounting to \$5577.

Contributions to War Effort

From 1915 to 1918 the League contributed to the war effort in a most practical way by making up a vast quantity of articles and shipping

them abroad. Generous gifts of wool from Miss M. C. Codman and several bales of cotton cloth from Captain James Ashton of Fall River were among the raw material contributions. Before the cessation of hostilities the League had made and shipped 5465 bandages and 1110 wither pads for horses, together with 3247 miscellaneous articles for soldiers including over 700 sweaters and many scarfs, helmets, wristlets, socks, trench caps, comfort bags, mittens, surgical sponges, fracture pillows, games, books and magazines. Fourteen cases went to England, France and Italy in 1915 and many touching tributes were received by the League for its contributions.

American Red Star Animal Relief in Boston

In 1916 the American Humane Association organized the American Red Star Animal Relief and in June the Boston branch was started with Mrs. Smith as chairman and Mr. Smith as treasurer. In 1918 this branch and Miss Harriet G. Bird's Red Acre Farm were merged to consolidate all war work for horses in the Boston area. The Boston branch obtained 426 members and sent over \$2,000 in cash contributions to the headquarters office. The 26th Division and the nearby camps were objects of special concern and hundreds of articles were donated by the Boston Red Star organization.

Besides these two principal war activities several other matters merit recording. In 1918 the League raised funds for a motor car for Lt. Col. G. E. Griffin commanding the Veterinarian's Training School for 1700 officers and men at Camp Lee, Virginia, while the finance committee made a subscription of \$15,000 to the Liberty Loan from bequest funds.



Five employees entered the service. Seated in the Navy uniform is John A. Finlayson, Superintendent at this writing.

MRS. SMITH'S THIRD AND LAST DECADE



Mrs. Smith and Tommy, the League cat, in the garden of the new headquarters building

At the close of this second decade of the League a few comparative statistics will best give an idea of how the League had grown. Animals cared for in 1918 numbered 36,218 of which 1,151 were placed in homes. There were 3,246 members and 1,443 other donors to the League's finances. The budget came close to balancing with expenses of \$34,792 and income of \$34,256. The grand total of animals cared for since the beginning of the League had now reached the truly impressive figure of 476,147.

The post-war decade was one of steady growth for the League with animals cared for rising from under 43,000 to over 92,000 annually, and expenses correspondingly increasing from \$42,347 in 1919 to \$98,925 for 1928. The decade was marked by the headquarters reconstruction due to

the Stuart Street extension and widening in 1922; the development of branch and clinic work; the 25th an-

These men and women collected, received and cared for 36,218 animals in 1918



niversary of the League; and the end of their long careers of service for both Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Development of Branch Activities

A feature of Mrs. Smith's last decade and for which she was in great measure responsible, was the development of branch activities. In Roxbury, South End, North End, Cambridge, Stoneham and Dedham (Pine Ridge) a steadily increasing flow of animals was being recorded.

Bartlett-Angell Home for Animals

In April of 1919 the League came into possession of a beautiful estate of 50 acres in Medfield, Massachusetts, a bequest of the late Dr. Henry C. and Martha Bartlett Angell of Boston — no relation to the late President George T. Angell of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. A sum of \$30,000 was also left to the League, the income to be used for maintenance of what was to be known as the Bartlett-Angell Home for Animals. A bird sanctuary was established and the Medfield home made an annex to Pine Ridge in 1921 when the main

house was leased and the League built a bungalow on the property.

Progress of Branches

Two receiving stations were opened in East Boston in 1920 through the interest of friends of the League, and Miss Margaret Starbuck was ap-



Margaret Coffin Starbuck, employed at the League from July 1, 1912 until her death January 27, 1941, was so deeply and sincerely interested in animal welfare that she left her life savings to the League for the care of the cats she fostered and loved so well.

pointed Visitor to the League's various branches. In 1922 the Lynn branch was resumed and its growth, with 4,549 animals handled that year, soon necessitated an assistant to the manager together with an ambulance and rescue agent. In 1923 it was named the Sheldon Branch in honor of Mrs. Frank M. Sheldon, a Director and life member who established a substantial trust fund for the League in that year. Also in 1923 a receiving station was opened in Chelsea. The branch work consequently increased by leaps and bounds so that for 1928, out of 92,013 animals received in all 33,900 came in through the nine branches as contrasted with only 5,359 animals received through branches in 1919.

Humane Work on Cape Cod

The League had first given aid for animal welfare on Cape Cod in 1915 and in 1921 W. H. Irwin of Cotuit

was engaged to be its traveling agent to investigate and remedy the many deplorable cases prevalent. This work was continued to the extent that available funds permitted and, through the agent, humane literature was circulated to school children.

Activities at Pine Ridge

Out at Pine Ridge Edward Prescott was appointed manager in 1923 and made many improvements. In 1924 the League deeded a small separate lot at the junction of Need-

ham and Pine Streets to the town of Dedham, and erected an attractive bus shelter on the tract which was dedicated as "Pine Ridge Park." In 1925 the interments at the cemetery passed the 500 mark. Meanwhile, the stalls and paddocks were kept filled with horses receiving care. A touching case is recounted of a blind horse which had won two prizes in the Work Horse Parade and was owned by a semi-invalid peddler who could not work in winter. For several years the League cared for this poor animal throughout the winter months.

HEADQUARTERS REMODELED

An event of major historical importance occurred in 1922. In this year the City of Boston put through its notable Stuart Street extension and widening program, and the League was compelled to tear down about one-third of its headquarters and remodel throughout with the result that greatly improved quarters were obtained at a total net cost of nearly \$60,000. The remodeled premises included executive offices on the second floor, a suite for the resident superintendent on the third and a reception area on the ground floor, with a corridor to the rear off of which were located the new kennels and exercising yards. Enlarged quarters for the veterinarian and clinic were conveniently arranged and in a separate building cats were provided for. A "Wayside Pulpit" was created on the Stuart Street side in 1924, which bore an appropriate sentence sermon: "I think nothing of that man's religion whose dog and whose cat are not the better for it."



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Original kennels at 51 Carver Street



Our present modern small-animal shelter



A clean, sanitary kitchen

First reception room

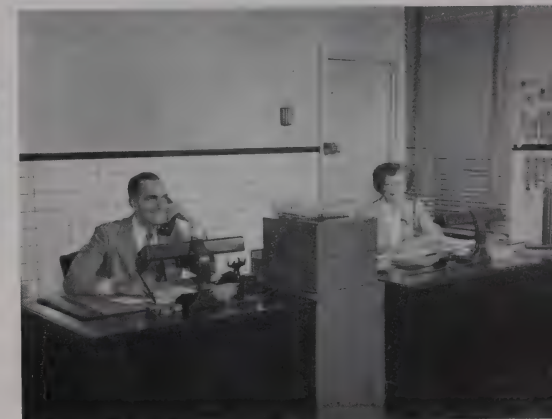


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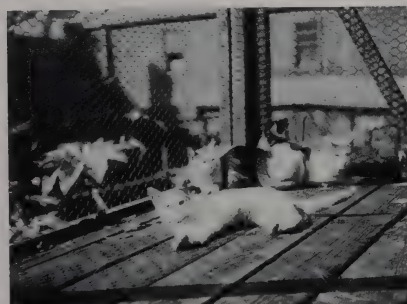


A separate cage is provided for each dog and cat in the kennels



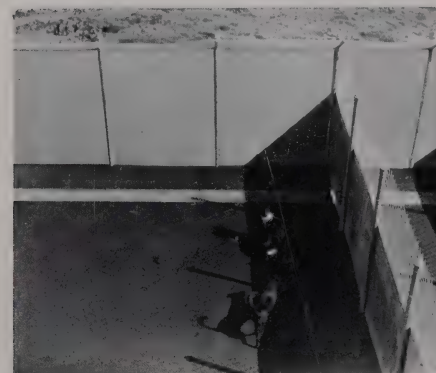
Reception room

Outside runs



Basking in the sun

OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS



Spacious exercise yards

for June, 1949

NOW

DR. WESLEY A. YOUNG HEADS CLINIC



Of special value to the League was the reconstructed clinic quarters. The work of the Free Clinic had increased steadily so that an assistant veterinarian was found necessary. In 1925 Dr. Sullivan went to the Work Horse Relief Hospital and the League secured Dr. Wesley A. Young to head the Clinic. He was an outstanding veterinarian who has served not only the League but the humane movement in general with distinction for many years. A visiting and consulting veterinarian's committee was also instituted in 1925. In 1928 the Clinic handled 9,000 animals and also gave out telephone and written advice to over 7000 inquirers asking for aid. Accident cases, principally from falls and run-overs, constituted an important part of the Clinic's work and a recording of 1,313 such cases is found for the year 1922.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Almost coincident with the completion of the headquarters reconstruction program came the 25th anniversary of the League on March 13, 1924. While no special commemoration of this milestone in the League's progressive career was held, many tributes were received. Governor Alvin T. Fuller of Massachusetts and Hon. James M. Curley then, as again at this writing, Mayor of Boston, were among those paying their respects to the work of the League. Also Governor Percival P. Baxter of Maine, who became a generous member and since 1926 has been vice-president of the League. In this anniversary year Mr. Huntington Smith resigned on account of his health as active manager of the League and was succeeded by Miss Charlene D. Wilson. Mr. Smith was thereupon made Chairman of the League's Advisory Board.



Dame Boston's Dream of the Animal Rescue League 25 Years Ago

Courtesy of the Boston Daily Record

“I Think Nothing of That Man’s Religion Whose Dog and Whose Cat Are Not the Better for It.”

— Author Unknown



Wayside Pulpit

Annual Fair, Sewing Circle and Increased Membership

This third decade saw a great increase in revenue from the Annual Fair. A total of nearly \$92,000 net was derived in this period with a high mark of \$11,571 in 1928.

A League Sewing Circle had been formed in 1919, and some 70 members pledged at least six articles each for the Annual Fair.

The number of persons associated with the League reached an all-time high in 1925 when 4,968 members and donors were recorded.

First \$100,000 Bequest

It is also to be noted that the League received its first \$100,000 bequest in 1925. This came from the estate of Boston's famous Mrs. "Jack"

Gardner, whose interest in the League had been of many years' duration and whose world famous art collection at Fenway Court is one of the "musts" for visitors to Boston.

Increased Service

During the decade the decrease in horses on the streets was marked but "not so much so in the class of horses we feed," as the annual report puts it in 1927. The League treated over 3000 horses at Christmas in 1921 but only just over 2000 in 1927. In 1924 the Lynn Branch instituted a "New Year's for Horses" and in 1925 the League piled up a record of visiting 170 stables at Christmas and, as an innovation, gave out 4000 cards showing St. Anthony blessing ani-

mals and bearing invitations to consult the League for free advice. In 1921 the League and The Work Horse Relief Association collaborated to send an agent to various parts of the State to inspect conditions and many suffering animals were rescued. The League also made a handsome contribution at this time to the Association's hospital. Agent MacDonald was appointed a special police officer in 1924 and vigorously continued his work of rescuing unfit horses. In 1926 he took 18 such animals from one man, and the total rescued in the ten year period came to 7,243. Live-stock also did not escape Mr. MacDonald's attention, and, as early as January 1921, we have a detailed report on shipments to the Brighton stockyards with 11 dead calves re-

moved from one car! In 1926 some 2000 leaflets "The Tragedy of the Calf" were sent out to humane societies.

The League work for smaller animals went on steadily. In 1920 pet placements in homes exceeded 2000 for the first time. There were 105 lost dogs restored to owners that year and Mrs. Smith records: "The joy of the dogs that are returned to their owners is so great that those who witness these reunions can hardly keep back the tears. In one case the dog's screams of joy sounded like absolute pain and could be heard all the way down the street as he went home with his master."

Thirty-four German Police Dogs Rescued

A unique animal incident occurring in this decade should be recorded. In November 1923 the League received a call from a steamship company to take care of 34 German police dogs on which the payment of duty charges had been refused as the dogs had been sent on consignment and not ordered. Two dogs were dead and the others in wretched condition in open crates on the wharf when the League took over. Taken to the League's kennels and cared for properly, they soon regained their health and were subsequently auctioned off by the authorities.

Dog Gives Life for Children

One more incident is especially touching. A League dog, out after a storm with two little children in whose home he had been placed, came to a wet gutter into which a live wire had fallen. The children were going to cross the street at that point. The dog leaped ahead to investigate the suspicious looking wire and, in instantly giving his life, prevented the death of the children. The devotion of dogs to humans is well exemplified by such an act as this, while it is not amiss, in this regard, to

HAPPILY PLACED IN NEW HOMES

A Few of the 2000 Animals Placed in 1920



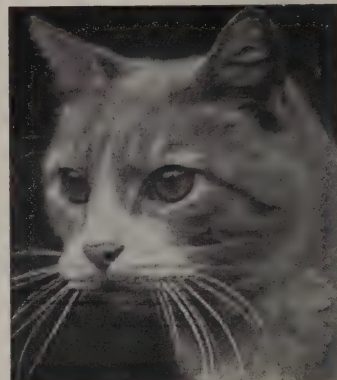
Right at Home



Who's the Boss?



My Pal!



Isn't He A Beauty?

quote a line in the *Transcript* appearing at that time and requoted with approval by Mrs. Smith, "Money will buy a dog, but only love will make him wag his tail."

Progress in Humane Education

The work of humane education went steadily forward as may be seen from the distribution of over 125,000 publications of the League, not including annual reports in 1925. Requests for "Our Fourfooted Friends" were now coming in from thirteen foreign countries. Sample packets of the League's leaflets and literature were being sent out at an expense of \$1.33 each where it was believed that they would justify the cost. Two humane missionaries were in the field as early as 1923 searching out cases of animal neglect and suffering in various uncovered parts of the State.

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A feature of the decade was the adoption practically intact of the resolutions Mrs. Smith had promulgated regarding animals in films by the Association of Motion Picture Producers. This was a distinct victory both for Mrs. Smith and the campaign the League had waged.

Lectures on Humane Care

A series of lectures on humane care of animals was given by agent and special police officer MacDonald who visited every Boston police station. He lectured to a total of 1,682 officers and was commended by the superintendent.

First Radio Broadcasts

In 1927 the League went on the air and Dr. Young gave the first radio broadcast entitled "The Care and Housing of Animals." The Babson Institute kindly offered free broadcasting facilities in 1928. Mrs. Smith's secretary, Miss B. Maude Phillips, also spoke on the radio. She furthermore read an important paper by

Mrs. Smith entitled "What Humane Societies are For" to The American Humane Association's 51st Convention in 1927; and also addressed a meeting of a new Boston Society called "Animal Welfare Workers" in that year.

A Prayer

Grant me the strength to meet to-day
Whatever burdens I must bear,
Let me be cheerful when I may
Not magnify my bit of care.

Open my eyes that I may see
The larger purpose of the plan,
And when disaster threatens me,
Lord, let me face it as a man.

Let me have vision so that I
May see beyond the doubt and dread
Tomorrow's smiling patch of sky,
Let me not scorn the path I tread.

Let me behold the finished task—
Not now, but in the years to be;
Grant me the faith and strength,
I ask,
To bear its hardships willingly.

Lord, when I falter and am weak
And difficulties bar my way,
Hold up to me the goal I seek
And let me see beyond today.

Lord, let me find in toilsome care,
And bitter service to be done,
In petty failure and despair,
The larger glory to be won.

Taken from a collection of clippings
found in the papers of Huntington Smith.

During these last years of the decade Mrs. Smith herself journeyed to St. John's, New Brunswick, to aid in starting a League there. Reaching far afield indeed, Mrs. Smith also published appeals and secured aid for animal welfare organizations in Morocco and Korea, and in 1928 sent special letters with pleas for animal welfare to missionaries bound for service in Rhodesia, Turkey, India,

China and Japan—thus literally spreading the influence and work of the Boston League to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Death of Huntington Smith

In March 1926, Mr. Huntington Smith resigned from the Board of Directors because of his waning health and, after a lingering illness, died on July 22. In the tribute paid him by the *Transcript* we read: "Mr. Smith was a man of high ideals and deep sensitiveness, but of resolute courage which brought him through many disasters." Mrs. Smith, in her own tribute, emphasized that the League's work was "not the work he should have been engaged in as all his tastes were literary; it was a question of the duty that came nearest to his hand and he kept to it bravely until one might say, literally, he fell in the harness."

Our Beloved Founder Dies

It is important to record here that at the end of 1927 the League had passed the 1,000,000 mark in total number of animals cared for and this achievement must, undoubtedly, have been a factor which encouraged Mrs. Smith to carry on. Her long labors had exacted their toll, however, and advanced age was playing its inevitable part. It may come as a surprise to many readers (and incentive to those in middle life who hesitate to undertake new ventures) to realize that Mrs. Smith was 56 when she founded the League and at the death of her husband was 83 years of age. Less and less was she able to get about, but she continued alert and in full touch with all that was going on, and until two days before her death she was able to continue her correspondence and literary work. Ever thoughtful of others, at Christmas in 1928 she had motivated and directed the distribution of 18 baskets of food for sick and lonely members of the League. On the Saturday pre-



Mrs. Smith writes in the 29th Annual Report: "Before Christmas we begin to look up members that are sick or lonely and the women at the League delight in sending them a happy Christmas remembrance. This year they, at their own expense, decorated and filled eighteen large baskets with all sorts of goodies and our ambulances delivered them the day before Christmas."

ceding Christmas she had been able to give a reception to the 45 employees of the League with their wives and children, which must have been a source of greatest joy to her in what she was well aware were the closing days of her life.

The end came on January 4, 1929 when she was in her 87th year, and it is recorded that her last conscious act was to caress her little dog "Fuzzy" which nestled by her side and, upon the passing of his beloved mistress, was humanely put to death and buried in a spot she had chosen at Pine Ridge. It is in the nature of a parting benediction to record the last words appearing above her signature in the January issue of OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS. She wrote: "To all of our friends we trust the Christmas Season has been blessed indeed and we wish you all a happy

and blessed New Year. Anna Harris Smith."

Tributes to a Great Humanitarian

The tributes that poured in from every side were impressive both in number and in content. A score of these were published in the February 1929 issue of OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS which the Directors made a memorial issue in honor of their founder and late President. To quote from but one, the *Transcript* said in part, "It is not extravagant to say that Earth lost one of its finest presences in the death of Anna Harris (Mrs. Huntington) Smith — one whose beneficent influence was worldwide. . . . With all her tenderness for animal life, Mrs. Smith was of a decidedly practical mind in the management of the League, never permitting its diversion from the

primary purpose of caring for the strays and the suffering. . . . Her thought for suffering humanity was equally tender, and countless unfortunates whom she had aided, often from her own slender means, will mourn her deeply. Indeed, she established, from donations of her own money, a standing fund for human aid, and has provided that it be continued. . . . Anna Harris Smith has written her name with those of Henry Bergh and George T. Angell."

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